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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ZHANG ET AL.

Examiner

Pierre-Michel Bataille

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The present Office Action is taken in response to applicant's communication filed August 14, 2006 responding to Non-Final rejection dated May 12, 2006. Applicant's amendment and or arguments have been considered with the results that follow.
2. Claims 1-14 are pending in the application under prosecution.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed August 14, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. The following remarks are noted:

Claim 1:

- The first occurrence of all abbreviation should be spelled out for clarity whether or not the abbreviation is considered well-known to one of ordinary skill in the art.
- "the target information handling system" lacks proper antecedent basis in the claim. Thus, RAID, DHCP, and PXE should be spelled out for clarity.
- The claims should recite: "at least one of ... and ..." in lieu of "or" (line 7).

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- The word "boot" should be inserted between "PXE" and "file" for clarity (paragraph starting with "a deployment engine operable").

Claim 5:

- The claim recite "a vendor-specific format to a vendor independent format", such is not clear as "specific" appears to be the same as "independent" in this line of disclosure.

Claims 9 and 11 repeating the defects of base claims 1 and 5, respectively, should be treated as well.

Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1:

- The first occurrence of all abbreviation should be spelled out for clarity whether or not the abbreviation is considered well-known to one of ordinary skill in the art. Thus, RAID, DHCP, and PXE

should be spelled out for clarity. Since one can be his/her own lexicographer, it is unclear as to the meanings of these abbreviations.

- “the target information handling system” lacks proper antecedent basis in the claim.
- The claims should recite: “at least one of ... and ...” in lieu of “or” (line 7).
- The word “boot” should be inserted between “PXE” and “file” for clarity (paragraph starting with “a deployment engine operable”).

Claim 5:

- The claim recite “a vendor-specific format to a vendor independent format”, such is not clear as “specific” appears to be the same as “independent” in this line of disclosure.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

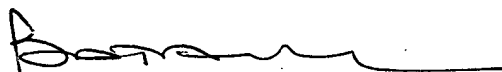
US 20030208587 (Sauer, Martin) teaches method of configuring and/or controlling an electronically controllable, modular facility, automatic server configuration may include hardware settings in BIOS, configuration of large memories such as magnetic disks (RAID configuration) and user-specific configuration of a large number of server computers.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre-Michel Bataille whose telephone number is (571) 272-4178. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:00A to 4:30P).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew M. Kim can be reached on (571) 272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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